

AGENDA FOR HEARING – Day 3
10am Thursday 24 June – Charing and Hamstreet
(Matters 6 and 7) (V.2)

Main issues for discussion

(the respondents most interested in each topic are indicated)

Charing

- Are the housing sites CHAR1 and CHAR2 the most sustainable locations for development in these villages, including consideration of village form and wildlife?

Omission sites

- Do they represent the best strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives?

CHAR 04 (Hillreed Developments Ltd)

Hamstreet

- Are the housing sites HAM1 and HAM2 the most sustainable locations for development in these villages, including consideration of village form and wildlife?

Omission sites

- Do they represent the best strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives?

HAM 01 Mr & Mrs Gotke (Hobbs Parker)

Participants at hearing

Ashford Borough Council
Kent Wildlife
Hilreed Developments Ltd
Mrs Emily Neighbour
Mr & Mrs Gotke (Hobbs Parker)
Tenterden Town Council

AGENDA FOR HEARING – Day 3
2pm Thursday 24 June – Housing and Employment Topic Policies
(Matters 10 and 11) (V.2)

Housing Topics

- Do the policies reflect national policy in PPS1, PPS3 and PPS7 concerning development in and adjacent to rural settlements and in the countryside?
- Do they contain repetitive criteria about universal planning considerations such as traffic generation or effect on neighbours, which could be left to an overarching policy on Design Quality in a Development Management DPD?
- Is there sufficient justification for the apparent conflict between PPS3 and the supporting text to Policy TRS5, in referring to exception sites for specialist needs housing accommodating the needs of those from outside the Borough?
- Will the rural exception sites policy TRS4, on its own, be likely to bring forward an adequate amount of rural affordable housing to meet local needs? If not, how will the DPD achieve this aim?

Employment Topics

- Is there a clear and co-ordinated strategy to encourage rural employment and ensure that the number of jobs (as opposed to floorspace relied on in the DPD) is related to housing growth?
- What are the particular economic needs of rural communities and how do these compare to jobs existing and proposed?
- Are the employment policies of the DPD too restrictive of employment development in rural areas in relation to advice in PPS4, particularly in relation to Policies TRS8, TRS10 and TRS11, and in PPS7 in relation to farm diversification (Policy TRS14)?
- How does the DPD help to reduce barriers to work in rural areas, including public transport, in line with the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy?

Participants at hearing

Ashford Borough Council
Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council
CPRE
Wye Imperial College (Savills)
Mason Brannan